



Starke County Clerk's Office

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Dear Candidate,

CONGRATULATIONS on your decision to become a candidate for public office!

Please review and print the enclosed material in the electronic packet. It is our intent to supply you with all the required forms necessary to run a successful campaign and make your experience positive and rewarding. However, it is the ***CANDIDATE'S SOLE RESPONSIBILITY*** to ensure they have all the required documents needed. We suggest you familiarize yourself with the Indiana Election Division website as well <https://in.gov/sos/elections/>

Please note the specific laws and regulations concerning campaign finance enforcement and penalties. "A person who fails to file a required statement or report is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000.00 to be assessed by the County Election Board for the delinquent report. The penalty is \$50.00 per day beginning the afternoon of the deadline day counting as the first day."

All candidate information is available through Starke County website <https://starke.in.gov/> or the State Election Division website <https://secure.in.gov/sos/elections/>

The Clerk and Voter Registration Clerk are both available to you for questions; however, we are not allowed to fill out your forms only answer general questions. As you review the forms you will find most, if not all, of the answers to your questions are printed directly on the forms. Any additional questions, please call the Starke County Election office at 574-772-9160 or the State Election Division at 800-622-4941

When completing your forms most ask for a file number. Will are continuing to use your last name as your file number.

Again, Congratulations and Best of Luck!

Bernadette Manuel
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Starke County Clerk / Election Board Secretary